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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to consideration of the above application on the merits, please enter the following amendment without prejudice.

In the Claims:

Attached hereto as Appendix 1 is a copy of the pending claims. Attached hereto as Appendix 2 is a copy of the amendments made to the claims.

I. Remarks

After entry of the amendment, claims 1-115 are pending.

Claim 2 has been editorially amended to delete "A principal aspect of the present invention relates to novel nitrosated and/or nitrosylated prostaglandins having formula (I):"

The dependency of claim 19 has been amended and remains supported by originally filed claims 1-115, and the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 8-13; page 4, line 7-13; page 26, lines 9 -20.

Claim 20 has been editorially amended.

No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.